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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 5, 2004, please grant the concurrently filed petition for an extension of time, enter the Rule 132 Declaration submitted herein on August 6, 2004, and amend this application as follows:

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.